



National Water Mission Overview



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Mission and Scope

The USACE supports the Local, State, and Federal responders under the National Response Plan by providing emergency supplies of bottled water for disaster response and recovery. The USACE has the capability to provide turn-key management of Emergency Water Missions to include planning, procurement, transportation, and distribution. Assets utilized include two National Water Planning & Response Teams (PRTs) with responsibility to procure and transport the commodity and seven Commodities Planning & Response Teams (PRTs) trained in planning support, receipt, and distribution to State and Local entities as well as the USACE-ACI contractors.

Support is available for preparedness planning and exercises, pre-deployment for imminent disasters, and post-disaster planning and execution. The Water SOP provides detailed guidance on how to perform the Water Missions during the first three phases of a disaster (Preparedness, Activation, and Execution). The mission transition and closeout phases are detailed in separate common SOPs applicable to all missions. (See references under Combined Commodities Guidance for this mission function.) Also, Technical Assistance is available in:

- Advance planning and preparedness, participation in exercises
- Assessing emergency water requirements
- Determining requirements and optimum locations for staging and distribution sites
- Coordination of transportation resources
- Point of Distribution (POD) training

Responsibilities

National Water Lead Division: North Atlantic Division (EOC - 718-765-7141)

During the preparedness phase, the Lead Division responsibilities include providing leadership and mentoring to the designated National Water PRT Districts. The Lead Division is also responsible for the overall readiness of the PRT. Weekly readiness assessments will be made and updates provided to the Lead Division Commander and HQ-UOC. The Lead Division coordinates all training and approves funding in coordination with the Readiness Support Center (RSC), as well as developing and maintaining National Water Disaster Operational Guidance.

National Water PRT Districts:

New England District
Kansas City District

The Lead District PRT for 2007 is the Kansas City District and the New England District is the back up. Designations are rotated annually between the two Districts and the back up District providing support as needed. The primary responsibility of the Lead District PRT is to staff, train, and maintain a fully ready PRT. Specific responsibilities and duties of the Lead District PRTs are detailed in the SOP for National Water.

Intergovernmental Team

The Intergovernmental Team is comprised of FEMA, DOD, DOT, and various other ESF agencies, State, Tribal and other sovereign entities, US Territories, and private industry. During the activation and execution phases, FEMA will lead the Intergovernmental Team by activating the



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National Response Coordination Center (NRCC) and the Regional Response Co-ordination Center (RRCC) as needed. All funding and scoping for the mission will be provided by FEMA. Upon establishment of the Mobilization Centers and Federal Operational Staging Areas (FO-SAs), FEMA Logistics will lead an Intergovernmental Purple Team to manage the receipt and distribution of National Water, as well as all other commodities. See SOPs for National Water and combined Commodities for details.

Contract for the Water Mission: DACW33-03-D-0003

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Emergency Water Contract Capabilities

The Emergency Water Supply and Services Contract includes purchase and delivery of bottled water, as well as the associated services to transport, load, and unload either purchased or government furnished water, as required. For Outside Continental United States (OCONUS), the contractor transports in CONUS via ground and to OCONUS destinations via ground, air, or ship. If the situation dictates, the government could provide OCONUS transportation. Local purchase of water is an option for OCONUS locations. The contract also includes requirements for participating in partnering efforts and the provisions of Strategic Planning Services.

This type of contract is defined as an Advanced Contract Initiative (ACI) Contract. The Contract was awarded on 1 April 2003 and expired 31 March 2004. The contract had 4 more option years, the last of which was exercised on 31 March 2007 and will expire 31 March 2008.

This contract must be used in the areas specified below. It may also be used in an area not specifically listed below, but if so used then it must utilize the contract line items closest to the current mission area to begin mission execution and negotiate changes as required for the specific situation.

As a “requirements” contract, the Government is required to use the ACI contractor for all supplies and services within the scope of the contract for orders of \$25,000 or more. The Government may offer the ACI contractor work outside the contract (larger or smaller amounts). There are a few cases when outside contracts may be used, however unacceptable contract performance would likely be the sole reason USACE would chose to exercise other contractors.

Delivery orders are limited to 24,000,000 liters of water for a single order; or a combination in excess of 28,000,000 liters in any series of orders within a 3 day period. There is neither a dollar limit nor an annual limit. The contractor may accept larger orders, but they are not obligated by contract. The contractor has 4 hours to decline larger orders.



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Delivery orders may be issued by either the New England or Kansas City District. In either case, the issuing district must be funded to issue a delivery order.

Pre-Scripted Mission Assignment (PSMA)

PSMAs are available for pre-declaration and post-declaration water missions. The pre-declaration PSMA is typically funded at \$200,000 to activate the National PRT (CONUS) for five to seven days. This includes deploying an Action Officer to the FEMA National Response Coordination Center (NRCC) and one operations manager, from the contractor, to coordinate the delivery, storage, and unloading. The post-declaration mission is initially funded at \$1,000,000 and will cover the deployment of the PRT (5 members) for approximately two weeks, Logistics support is authorized to operate multiple distribution sites and the purchase and delivery of approximately 500,000 gallons (1.8M liters). (Conversion Factor for Gallons to Liters: 1 Gallon equals 3.79 liters)

Contract Performance Requirements: The current CONUS cost per liter of delivered bottled water is \$0.42, unloading per liter is \$0.02. Bottled water is normally ordered in multiples of standard truckloads, approximately 18,000 liters per truck.

The Government recognizes that the Contractor will need time to fully mobilize significant water production and transportation assets to establish a steady flow of bottled water to disaster sites. The following CONUS Contractor performance schedule has been established. (For OCONUS and additional details - see Contract)

- Orders less than 198,000 liters per day (11 truckloads): Full ordered quantity is required within 24 hours
- Orders more than 198,000 liters per day: 25% delivered within 24 hours, 50% within 48 hours, 75% within 72 hours, and 100% within 96 hours
- Areas of ACI Contract Coverage
 - CONUS
 - Puerto Rico
 - US Virgin Islands
 - Hawaii
 - Alaska
 - Pacific Ocean (Guam, American Samoa, the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Northern Mariana Islands)

